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1. In early November the North Korean Army was being reorganized. Prior to early November, the North Korean government formed a special committee to screen staff officers and check on their loyalty, military capabilities, and allegiance to KIM Il-song. Top military and political officers of the North Korean Army are being interviewed personally by KIM Il-song. If acceptable, they are placed in a special staff school at Yongsan (125-52, 40-08) (YE 4446).
2. About 2,000 officers were selected and were in training by early November. All are veteran officers and fanatical followers of KIM Il-song, and include numerous recipients of the North Korean "national hero" award. Strict discipline is maintained at the school during the training period of six months. After completion of indoctrination, the officers will be placed in command positions in North Korean units.
3. All staff instructors at the Yongsan school are Soviet-trained and pro-KIM Il-song. No officers who served with the Chinese Communist forces in KIM Mu-chong's volunteer army in China against the Japanese and Chinese nationalists are on this staff.¹

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1. [REDACTED] referred to a plan to eliminate KIM Il-song's political enemies in the North Korean Army.

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